

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS FOR
GLOBAL EXPEDITED PACKAGE SERVICES (GEPS) CONTRACTS

Docket No.
MC2012-8

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE**
(January 30, 2012)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby gives notice of a minor change in classification for the international competitive product Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts. The minor classification change concerns the requirements that a mailer must meet in order to qualify for a GEPS contract.

The classification language for the GEPS product would be modified to state that, "To qualify for a contract a mailer must be capable, on an annualized basis, of paying at least \$200,000.00 in international postage to the Postal Service," rather than \$50,000.00. This change is designed for consistency with published commercial plus pricing discounts for Express Mail International (EMI) and Priority Mail International (PMI). To qualify for commercial plus pricing for EMI and PMI, a customer must agree to "a standardized agreement with the Postal Service and tender at least \$100,000 per year of international expedited products"¹ This change also coincides with the eligibility criteria for Global Expedited Package Services – Non-Published Rates 3 (GEPS – NPR 3) rates. Under the GEPS-NPR3 product now in effect, a mailer must be capable, on an

¹ International Mail Manual, 223.131, and 233.131.

annualized basis, of paying at least \$200,000.00 for Global Express Guaranteed, EMI, and PMI to the Postal Service under a GEPS – NPR agreement.²

Revisions to the International Mail Manual to give effect to the minor classification change described above are scheduled to be published in the *Postal Bulletin* on March 8, 2012, and will become effective on April 1, 2012.

The Postal Service hereby submits that the attached conforming changes to the Mail Classification Schedule are consistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642 and should be incorporated by the Commission into the Mail Classification Schedule. The Postal Service respectfully urges the Commission to treat this filing in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 *et seq.*

Respectfully submitted,

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² Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Expedited Package Services – Non-Published Rates 3 (GEPS – NPR 3) to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing GEPS – NPR 3 Model Contract and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, PRC Docket Nos. MC2012-4 and CP2012-8, December 20, 2011, at Attachment 2B, p. 1.

MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

PART B COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

2500 Negotiated Service Agreements

2510 Outbound International

2510.3 Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts

2510.3.1 Description

- c. To qualify for a contract a mailer must be capable, on an annualized basis, of either tendering at least 2,500 pieces of international mail to the Postal Service, or paying at least ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$200,000.00 in international postage to the Postal Service.
